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FOR : METHOD FOR PREVENTING THE TREATMENT OF SKIN
AGINGRESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(a)Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-5, 6-8, 11 and 12.

Please amend claim 9 as shown below:

(Amended Once) 9. A method of reducing the occurrence of acne in a patient in need of such treatment comprising administering an effective amount of 1-mg NA and a gradually increasing dose of EE; 20mcg x 5 days, 30 mcg x 7 days and 35,mcg x 9-days.

REMARKS

The present invention is directed to a treatment for acne. It comprises the co-administration of an estrogen and a progestin. Non-elected claims 1-5 have been cancelled. Claims 6, 7, 8, 11, and 12 have been cancelled. Claims 9 and 10 remain in the